

The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch



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Presidents Report

August again. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun. It has been a good year with some new members joining and the committee organising new events like Claybird Shooting and some of us went out to play nine holes of golf in the Sunday morning sun shine.

As most of you know Marg and I are standing down next month at the AGM. Our 5 years at the top have had its ups and downs but over all we have enjoyed it and we hope that we have made the club more enjoyable to be a member of. We are looking forward to just being just members again.

We would like to thank you for all the support over the years and may it continue with the new team.

Ray Miles



2015 All Oz Car Show HECC lineup

Interclub Challenge - Round 3 Golf

On 14th of August a small group met up at the Everglades Country Golf course on Marshlands Road, for a round of 9 holes for the final round of the annual friendly Interclub Challenge.

A good time in the sun was had, with the Holden team finishing with a 2 shot win against the Fords. That gives a clean sweep in the Lawn Bowls, Claybird Shooting and Golf for 2016 to the HECC Team.

Hopefully in 2017 we can get a friendly rivalry against a car club going, and compete in another three enjoyable outings.

Darryl Cowens



Note: Not a member of the Interclub golf crew, nor a photo from the Challenge..... ;)

(If it was, it would be a fine..)





IT'S TIME FOR THE
amazing **MYSTERY**
CAR RALLY
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 2016

REGISTRATION TIME - 9.15am to 9.45am with first car leaving at 10am sharp

MEETING POINT - Joes Garage, 478 Cranford Street, Christchurch

OPEN TO ALL CARS - MAKES & MODELS

ENTRY COSTS - All entries will be free with HECC members receiving a \$5 voucher to put towards refreshments. Make sure you bring a pen & a sense of humour!

At our final location you will be able to purchase meals & refreshments.

To help with prizes and organising please register via HECC facebook page, email general@holdenclub.net.nz or phone/text Cherie on 0275 770 427 by the 16th August 2016



New High-Tech Holden Colorado Engineered For Australia

[Holden Colorado 2017 media release](#)

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Holden's Australian engineers have steered significant engineering and development changes on the new and improved, high-tech 2017 Colorado.

Fresh from its recent public reveal, the 2017 Holden Colorado is set to go on sale from early September, with Holden engineers confident the new vehicle will more than handle Australia's distinctive driving conditions and customer requirements.



"The variety of roads in Australia and the variety of ways in which Australians use trucks means the 2017 Colorado has to be versatile enough to handle everything thrown at it," said Holden's Lead Development Engineer, Amelinda Watt.

"We know customers like to drive their Colorado off-road or on unsealed roads, but we also know they spend a lot of time on the bitumen.

"We've focused on improving refinement and driveability with a range of chassis changes, including electric power steering as well as engine and transmission noise and vibration refinements.

"We've also had the benefit of international experience, as the Colorado program was a co-development project between GM Brazil, GM Thailand and Holden – a great example of the type of engineering work Holden will be responsible for in the future."

International Engineering Collaboration

With significant input and involvement from the outset of the 2017 Colorado program, Holden engineers were able to drive change into the popular truck, based on Australian customer feedback and expectations.

In collaboration with Colorado's GM Brazil Home room and GM Thailand Manufacturing facility, Holden engineers shared their expertise with international colleagues throughout the development of the product.

Holden engineers participated in numerous development activities and drive events in Brazil in addition to completing critical local testing at Holden's Lang Lang Proving Ground and on public roads around Victoria.

The final development drive for the Colorado program, known internally as the '100% Buy-off ride', was managed by Holden in Australia and tackled a variety of terrain. Combined with an extensive Captured Test Fleet program, local testing accumulated more than 100,000 km on inner-city and suburban roads, rural country roads and 4x4 tracks in state forests.

"Being involved from the start of Colorado's development has given us the opportunity to ensure we have been able to address customer feedback," Ms. Watt said.

"It's also been beneficial to hold the final development drive in Australia and have colleagues from Brazil, Thailand, India, USA and Europe visit and see first-hand the type of terrain our customers drive on."



The full article can be found at read at the link at the beginning of the page..



Forza Horizon 3 game including Holdens

Surely I'm not the only arcade racer or simulator gamer out there who plays in particular the Gran Turismo series on Playstation, or Forza series on Xbox. So I've been following gaming blogs and newsites of late and came across this update....

Darryl

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[Forza Horizon 3 - Forza Garage - Week 2](#)

In this week's edition of the Forza Horizon 3 Garage, our ongoing series of car reveals before the game is released on Sept. 27, we're staying true to the Australian setting of the game and leading with three cars from the country's famed Holden marque. This trio of Holden models are part of the legacy of distinctive Australian car culture, and promise big fun to Forza Horizon 3 players who want a true connection with the game's Down Under setting.

1974 Holden Sandman HQ Panel Van

Few vehicles are as distinctly Aussie as the Sandman HQ panel van. Originally, these sedan deliveries were derivatives of the typical ute with a metal or plastic shell enclosing the cargo tray. They developed into a phenomenon that escalated to its height in the 1970s before falling off in popularity. The most famous Sandman was driven by Mel Gibson in the original 1979 "Mad Max" film. Like many, Max's panel van was converted for camping.



1951 Holden 50-2106 FX Ute

The roots of the Holden Ute go back to the to a post-World War II era, when the world couldn't get enough Australian wheat and wool. When "Australia's Own Car" – the 48-125 Holden four-door sedan – launched, it only had one model and Aussies had to wait more than two years for a load-hauling version. Once the Ute arrived, it was dubbed the "FX" - though exactly why it earned that moniker is the subject of debate. What was clear is that these durable and hearty vehicles were perfect for the work that needed to be done, whether it was on the farms or construction sites of Australia.



2016 Holden Special Vehicles GTS Maloo

As you bang through the gears and are rocked back in your seat at the release of the clutch, you'll quickly understand why the GTS Maloo is referred to as the "Ferrari of utes." It's one way for Holden to say thank you in big way before the Australian manufacturer closes its doors in 2017. While utilitarian in purpose, this ute is all about going very fast. Take the supercharged V8 under the hood or the upgraded brakes and suspension.



Note: Other models of Holden included in the original car list include a 77 Torana A9X, 14 HSV GTS and as part of the All Stars Car pack the 2016 #22 Sharkbite HRT VF Commodore





ALL OZ CAR SHOW

CHRISTCHURCH

Saturday 15th October 2016
Evening Cruise

Location: Mitre 10 Mega carpark, 1005 Ferry Rd, Christchurch

Time: 5pm meeting time with 5.30pm departure

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Sunday 16th October 2016 **Car Show**

From 10am to 2pm

Ouruhia Domain, via Chenery Ave, 721 Marshland Road,
Christchurch

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Gold coin donation for spectators

\$5 entry per display car

Proudly organised by the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch and
Falcon Fairlane Club Christchurch



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Monaro GTS

You've got it made

It looks good to you but think how good it looks to others.

Monaro GTS is the sports machine of the Holden range...the h-e-a-v-y. The ultimate blend of luxury and performance. Around town head-turner or long distance highway runner. Monaro GTS gets it all together.

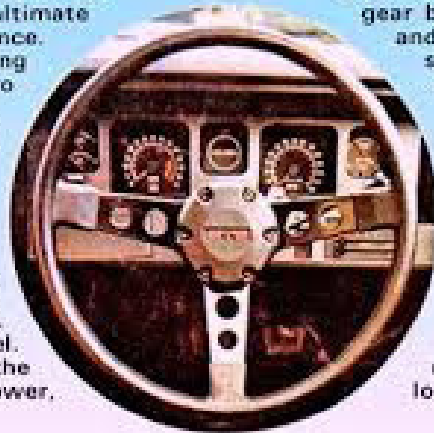
Outside, you're doing it the easy way with the sleek, smooth shape of tomorrow. Inside moulded-pad reclining buckets that don't let you go in a corner.

Rich carpet on the floor. Tinted rear window. Magnificent turned gunmetal style dash. Three-spoke padded steering wheel. Underneath you start with the standard '253' V8, 185 horsepower,

a potent blend of power and economy. Or the 240 horsepower '308' V8. Or go all the way up to the '350' V8 package with its high-performance gear box, limited slip diff, dual exhausts and 275 horsepower. Transmissions... slick shift four-on-the-floor, or 3-speed automatic with a console shift. It's up to you.

Over and above all that are a host of standard luxury and performance fitments to put the icing on the cake.

6" rally wheels, D70 high-speed tyres, adjustable head restraints, complete sports instrumentation, vented power-assisted disc brakes... if we've forgotten it, you'll probably never need it. You and your GTS. Here's looking at you.



Holden

The Great Way to Move



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

28th Mystery Car Rally, meet at Joe's Garage 9am

September

4th Rock and Wheels Amberley

All Oz Day in Timaru

Petrolhead Breakfast at Custom Car Club Rooms

6th Monthly Meeting and AGM at Joe's Garage 7:30pm

9th Friday meal/drinks Craythornes Halswell

24-25th Classic Car Show at Pioneer

October

2nd Petrolhead Breakfast

Spring into Oxford 10am to 2pm

4th Monthly Meeting at Joe's Garage 7:30pm

7th Friday meal/drinks TBC

8-9th Swap Meet

9th Bathurst Day BBQ at Ray's from 9am

16th All Oz Day TBC

30th Show and Shine at the Groynes Area 2B at 10am

November

1st Montly Meeting at Joe's Garage 7.30pm

3 - 6th Club trip to Pukekohe Raceway for V8 Supersprint

4th Friday meal/drinks TBC

FOR SALE

Marg Club Shirts - \$62
Polo Shirts - \$46
Club Stickers - \$5
Club Sashes - \$20

For more information contact her on 021 138 7046

Wanted to Buy: Early model Commodore, 6 or V8. Prefer Rego and WOF. Ring Mark 3251007

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